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In re application of:

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of February 14, 2006.

It is not believed that any extensions of time are necessary beyond what may be submitted with this communication. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to account number 50-3120.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.